Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A traction apparatus comprising:
    a. an elongate member with a longitudinal first axis;
    b. a first friction surface which moves along a second axis, said second axis is substantially parallel to said first axis;
    c. a second friction surface which moves along a third axis, said third axis is substantially parallel to and offset from said second axis;
    d. means for driving said first friction surface;
    e. ~~means for applying pressure between~~ said first friction surface and said second friction surface contact said elongate member; and
    f. a roller which applies force to ~~said means for applying pressure spans~~ said first friction surface and said second friction surface, wherein said roller ~~means for applying pressure~~ is continuously supported.

2. (original) The traction apparatus of claim 1 wherein said elongate member is a cable.

3. (currently amended) The traction apparatus of claim 2 ~~1~~ wherein:
    a. said first friction surface is a first continuous chain, and
    b. said second friction surface is a second continuous chain.

4. (currently amended) The traction apparatus of claim 3 ~~1~~ wherein said roller ~~means for applying pressure~~ is a plurality of rollers.

5. (original) The traction apparatus of claim 1 wherein said means for driving includes a hollow center worm pinion, wherein said friction surfaces have synchronous motion.

6. (currently amended) The traction apparatus of claim 3 ~~2~~ wherein said roller is ~~pressure means being~~ travel limited ~~allowing initial said cable feeding~~ , said first continuous chain and said second continuous chain maintain a minimum opening distance, wherein an end of said cable feeds into said minimum opening distance.

7. (currently amended) The traction apparatus of claim 3 wherein first ~~the~~ links of said first continuous chain and second links of said second continuous chain are staggered.

8. (original) The traction apparatus of claim 4 wherein said plurality of rollers are supported with a structural collar.

9. (currently amended) The traction apparatus of claim 7 wherein said roller ~~means for applying pressure~~ is continuously supported against said cable by at least 10% of said first links or said second links.

10. (currently amended) The traction apparatus of claim 7 further comprising means for pushing said first links against said cable and allowing said first links to rotate without interfering with said cable.

11. (currently amended) A method of applying traction, the method comprising:
    a. providing an elongate member with a longitudinal first axis;
    b. moving ~~providing~~ a first friction surface along a second axis, said second axis is substantially parallel to said first axis;
    c. moving ~~providing~~ a second friction surface along a third axis, said third axis is substantially parallel to and offset from said second axis;
    d. driving said first friction surface; and
    e. applying force to ~~spanning~~ said friction surfaces ~~and said second friction surface~~ with a roller ~~means for pressure~~, resulting in continuous traction on said elongate member ~~cable~~.

12. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein said elongate member is a cable.

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein:

a. said first friction surface is a looping chain, and

b. said second friction surface is a second looping chain

c. said friction surfaces are looping chains.

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